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In re Application of:)	
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AKIHISA HORIUCHI)	
	:	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Appln. No.: Unassigned (Divisional of)	
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For: ZOOM LENS AND OPTICAL)	October 30, 2000
APPARATUS USING THE SAME	:	

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Commissioner for Patents
BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Washington, DC 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. The '708 and '378 U.S. Patents were cited in Application No. 09/263,230 (the "'230 Application"), the parent of the above-referenced divisional application. Copies of the documents should be available in the '230 Application under 37 CFR 1.98(d). The other documents cited are enclosed. The cited Japanese documents are discussed at pages 2-7 of the application and the Examiner is referred thereto and the attached English Abstracts for a concise explanation of the relevance thereof.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S.

Applications:

<u>APPLN. NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
08/831,730	April 1, 1997	2873
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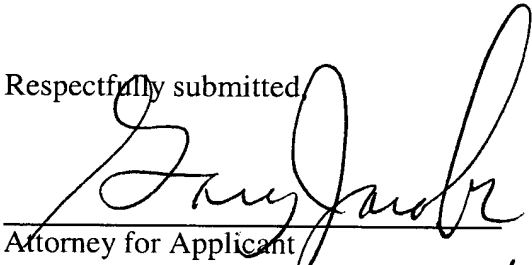
In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(iii), no copy of any cited U.S. Application is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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